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March 27, 2008

Mr. Charles Terreni  
Chief Clerk and Administrator  
South Carolina Public Service Commission  
101 Executive Center Drive  
Columbia SC 29210

Re: Windstream Communications, Inc. – Surety Bond  
Docket No. 2007-464-C

Dear Mr. Terreni:

As per a telephone conversation with Mr. Tom Allen at the Office of Regulatory Staff, please find enclosed a Surety Bond for Windstream Communications, Inc. ("Windstream") to provide long distance service utilizing Prepaid Calling Cards.

The bond was requested in regard to the filing made by Windstream on March 12, 2008 to merge the CTC Long Distance Services, LLC Interexchange Services Tariff with the Windstream Telecommunications Services Tariff.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by file stamping and returning the additional copy of this letter in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided for this purpose.

Please contact me at 501-748-7897 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

*Stephanie D. Marsh*  
Stephanie D. Marsh

Enclosure

cc: Mr Tom Allen, Office of Regulatory Staff

**Westchester Fire Insurance Company**  
an ACE company

**Continuous Form  
License & Permit Bond**

Bond No. K08097240

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:**

**THAT** Windstream Communications, Inc. **as**  
**Principal and Westchester Fire Insurance Company**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a corporation existing  
under the laws of the Commonwealth of New York and authorized to conduct the business of Suretyship in all  
states of the United States of America, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto South Carolina Public Service  
Commission, as Obligee, in the penal sum of Five Thousand and No/100 (\$5,000.00)  
lawful money of the United States, for which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs,  
executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

**WHEREAS:** the above bounden Principal has been granted a

License or Permit for Long Distance Telephone Service Utilitizing Debit Cards

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the condition of this obligation is such, that if the aforesaid Principal shall indemnify  
and save harmless the aforesaid Obligee against loss to which the Obligee may be subject by reason of the  
Principal's breach of any ordinance, rule or regulation relating to the above described license or permit, then  
this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

**PROVIDED**, however, that the liability of the Surety hereunder shall in no event exceed the penal sum of  
this bond as stated above, regardless of the number of years the bond shall continue in force; and

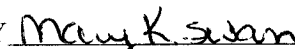
**THIS** obligation may be cancelled by the Surety by giving thirty (30) days notice in writing of its intention to  
do so to the Obligee, and the Surety shall be relieved of any further liability under this bond thirty (30) days  
after receipt of said notice by the Obligee, except for defaults occurring prior thereto.

**SIGNED**, sealed and dated this 25th day of March, 2008.

Windstream Communications, Inc.

BY  (SEAL)

**Westchester Fire Insurance Company,**

BY   
Mary K. Swan, Attorney-in-fact (SEAL)



**Know all men by these presents:** That **WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY**, a corporation of the State of New York, having its principal office in the City of Atlanta, Georgia, pursuant to the following Resolution, adopted by the Board of Directors of the said Company on December 11, 2006, to wit:

"RESOLVED, that the following authorizations relate to the execution, for and on behalf of the Company, of bonds, undertakings, recognizances, contracts and other written commitments of the Company entered into the ordinary course of business (each a "Written Commitment"):

- (1) Each of the Chairman, the President and the Vice Presidents of the Company is hereby authorized to execute any Written Commitment for and on behalf of the Company, under the seal of the Company or otherwise.
- (2) Each duly appointed attorney-in-fact of the Company is hereby authorized to execute any Written Commitment for and on behalf of the Company, under the seal of the Company or otherwise, to the extent that such action is authorized by the grant of powers provided for in such persons written appointment as such attorney-in-fact.
- (3) Each of the Chairman, the President and the Vice Presidents of the Company is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the Company, to appoint in writing any person the attorney-in-fact of the Company with full power and authority to execute, for and on behalf of the Company, under the seal of the Company or otherwise, such Written Commitments of the Company as may be specified in such written appointment, which specification may be by general type or class of Written Commitments or by specification of one or more particular Written Commitments.
- (4) Each of the Chairman, the President and Vice Presidents of the Company is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the Company, to delegate in writing to any other officer of the Company the authority to execute, for and on behalf of the Company, under the Company's seal or otherwise, such Written Commitments of the Company as are specified in such written delegation, which specification may be by general type or class of Written Commitments or by specification of one or more particular Written Commitments.
- (5) The signature of any officer or other person executing any Written Commitment or appointment or delegation pursuant to this Resolution, and the seal of the Company, may be affixed by facsimile on such Written Commitment or written appointment or delegation.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing Resolution shall not be deemed to be an exclusive statement of the powers and authority of officers, employees and other persons to act for and on behalf of the Company, and such Resolution shall not limit or otherwise affect the exercise of any such power or authority otherwise validly granted or vested.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Company adopted at the meeting held on November 8, 1999 relating to the authorization of certain persons to execute, for and on behalf of the Company, Written Commitments and appointments and delegations, is hereby rescinded.

Does hereby nominate, constitute and appoint **JOHN GERETY, JR., FRED B. STONE, WILLIAM T. BROOKSHIRE, BRENDA SMITH, WILLIAM W. BUSSEY, JR., MARY K. SWAN and CYNTHIA W. THESSING** all of the City of Little Rock, State of Arkansas, each individually if there be more than one named, its true and lawful attorney-in-fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver on its behalf, and as its act and deed any and all bonds, undertakings, recognizances, contracts and other writings in the nature thereof in penalties not exceeding Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) and the execution of such writings in pursuance of these presents shall be as binding upon said Company, as fully and amply as if they had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the Company at its principal office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said **Stephen M. Haney**, Vice-President, has hereunto subscribed his name and affixed the corporate seal of the said **WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY** this 16th day of November 2007.



**WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY**

*Stephen M. Haney*

Stephen M. Haney, Vice President

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA ss.

On this 16th day of November, A.D. 2007, before me, a Notary Public of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in and for the County of Philadelphia came **Stephen M. Haney**, Vice-President of the **WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY** to me personally known to be the individual and officer who executed the preceding instrument, and he acknowledged that he executed the same; and that the seal affixed to the preceding instrument is the corporate seal of said Company; that the said corporate seal and his signature were duly affixed by the authority and direction of the said corporation, and that Resolution, adopted by the Board of Directors of said Company, referred to in the preceding instrument, is now in force.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at the City of Philadelphia the day and year first above written.



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
NOTARIAL SEAL  
**KAREN E. BRANDT**, Notary Public  
City of Philadelphia, Phila. County  
My Commission Expires September 26, 2010

*Karen E. Brandt*

Notary Public

I, the undersigned Assistant Secretary of **WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY**, do hereby certify that the original **POWER OF ATTORNEY**, of which the foregoing is a substantially true and correct copy, is in full force and effect.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name as Assistant Secretary, and affixed the corporate seal of the Corporation, this 25th day of March 2008.



*William L. Kelly*

William L. Kelly, Assistant Secretary

THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY MAY NOT BE USED TO EXECUTE ANY BOND WITH AN INCEPTION DATE AFTER November 16, 2009